

## A MYSTERIOUS INFLUENCE

**It Operates Against the Success of  
the Sioux Commission.**

FEW SIGNERS AT CROW CREEK.

Head Chiefs of the Tribe Great Admirers of Red Cloud and Sitting Bull—Many Names Yet Needed.

**Slow to Sign.**

CHOW CREEK AGENCY (via Chamberlain, Dak.) July 10.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The signatures obtained last evening were 104, the rush not being very great after the first. Those who signed were all well convinced of the benefits of the bill, and are of the most progressive Indians of this agency, as in fact were the signers at nearly all the agencies visited so far. This, of course, does not apply to Rosebud, where other extraneous influences were at work besides the opposition from the Indians. The agent there, S. F. Spencer, is now well known to have been active in his opposition to the creek bill commission. That this was recognized by the Indian commission is evidenced by their recommending his immediate suspension and the appointment of a successor.

The principal chiefs in opposition now are White Ghost, Drifting Goose and Bull

As a straw showing which way the wind blows may be given the fact that just after the visit of a certain prominent church official to the other agencies, the native preachers of the same denomination changed themselves from activity and ranged themselves in opposition. This active churchman is known to have been at Pine Ridge about ten days previous to the arrival of the commission, and may be largely responsible for the other opposition mentioned here.

Major, of the commission, left for Chamberlain this afternoon and probably the

The signing goes on very slowly, and probably not more than one-half of the signatures were obtained. The agency has no record of this. This agency about three hundred male adults over eighteen years of age.

White Ghost, who was so heartily in favor of the bill, was absent to-day. He said he would sign the bill for \$1,500 in hand paid. Bull Ghost and Drifting Ghost are following close in his wake, all three being ardent admirers of Red Cloud and Sitting Bull. The agency has no record of this. At all the agencies up to date is 2,412, leaving yet to be obtained 1,696 names. The Cheyenne agency has over 700 and Standing Rock about 1,100. The other agencies are supposed to be unfavorable, though nothing can be known surely. This agency (Crow Creek) was thought certain to favor the bill, and not one-

half signed. The members of the commission are getting anxious to conclude these negotiations and return to their homes and avocations. Perhaps this anxiety has been in some measure the cause of non-success here and at Pine Ridge in not allowing time for a reaction.

**The Chippewas Cede Lands.**  
ST. PAUL, July 10.—A Pioneer-Press special says: The Chippewa commission was successful at Red Lake, and the Indians cede the greater portion of their reservation.

surrender and grant the usual rate of 1 cent a mile to persons attending the great annual encampment announced to take place this year at Milwaukee. No surrender was made by the railroads, and

This afternoon a committee of the Milwaukee A. R. C. met at the headquarters of the Milwaukee A. R. C. to discuss the situation of the subject, held a meeting here and proceeded with an attempt to carry out the threat that in the event of the railroad's refusing to discontinue the encampment, the striking men would be sent to the city hall. The committee voted to send a circular to the railroad company, asking it to discontinue the encampment, merely an assemblage of delegates, instead of a huge popular gathering. The committee voted to send a circular to the railroad company, asking it to discontinue the encampment, merely an assemblage of delegates, instead of a huge popular gathering. The committee voted to send a circular to the railroad company, asking it to discontinue the encampment, merely an assemblage of delegates, instead of a huge popular gathering.

**Milwaukee Men Indignant.**  
MILWAUKEE, July 10.—The leading mem-

bers of the local Grand Army encampment council express a great deal of indignation at the action of the department commanders in issuing boycotting circulars and say that all preparations will be stopped at once. A meeting will be held tomorrow night to definitely determine what to do. The city authorities will probably decline to make the necessary appropriations for camps and barracks unless the boycott-

**A GREAT DAY AT CHEYENNE.**  
Laying of the Corner Stone of the  
Union Pacific Shops.  
CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 10.—[Special Tele-  
gram to THE BEE.]—A pleasant day with  
balmy breezes characterized the corner stone  
laying of the new Union Pacific shops to-day.

Excursion trains had been run from all territorial and neighboring Nebraska and Colorado towns, bringing with them large crowds of people. The entire business section of the city was gaily decorated with flags and bunting. The procession was a big event of the day. It included the Seventeenth United States infantry band, a regiment of

United States infantry band, a regiment of United States troops, the Cheyenne guards, territorial, county and municipal authorities in carriages, members of the board of trade, civic societies and the fire department. The corner stone was laid under the auspices of the board of trade by Acting Mayor Hunt.

The ceremonies were witnessed by a very large number of people. Surveyor General John Charles Thompson was the orator of the day. He spoke of the various shops, which include machine, boiler, repair and blacksmith shops, will be completed by November. The work is now well advanced. The increased number of shops shown will employ 400 men and add a population of several thousand to the city.

Wyoming because of indications of oil and coal, would be rescinded, and that lands where there were no evidences of minerals should be sent to patent. The secretary also informed Carey that he might say to the settlers of Wyoming that they should have their patents, and that in addition to home rule every proper encouragement would be given to efforts looking to the advancement of the territories and their admission as states whenever prepared to assume the duties of